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As of March 1955, the Main Administration for Shipping (HV Schiffahrt) of the East German Ministry for Traffic and Shipping (Verkehr und Schiffahrt) was as follows:

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| Minister and State Secretary        | Karl Solomon             |
| Head of HV Schiffahrt               | Heinz Hess (SED)         |
| Departmental heads:                 |                          |
| Shipping Department                 | Heinz Hess               |
| Waterways Construction Department   | Walter Keul              |
| Cadre/Personnel Department          | Tolle (fmu) <sup>1</sup> |
| Planning Department                 | Krause (fmu)             |
| Freight Traffic, West Sector        |                          |
| Barrier, Border Lists and           |                          |
| Interzonal Passes for Polish travel | Gerhard Dürrest          |

#### Dispatcher Group:

Head Ernst Kostial  
Deputy and Kostial's representative Harry Walle  
Records - freight, daily/monthly  
turnover Songa Lober

Ship Management (Reederei) Group  
(currently being formed) - Head: Kurt Groche

2. The organization of the DSU HV Berlin-Gruenstrasse was as follows:

Director Mai (fmu)

**Department heads:**

Planning Lies (fnu) (SED Aktivist)

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| Personnel        | Schacht (fnu) (SED Aktivist) |
| Bookkeeping      | Wagner (fnu)                 |
| Chief dispatcher | Heinz Ulrich                 |
| Ships mechanics  | (not known)                  |
| Freight          | Ortmann (fnu)                |
| Production chief | Neubauer (fnu)               |

3. The East Harbor Branch (Nebenstelle Osthafen) was as follows in March 1955:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Branch chief                    | Otto Grünschwitz   |
| Priority traffic department     | Ingolf Denizig     |
| Barge space allocation official | Bernhard Schönfeld |
| Expediter (Expeditent)          | Karl Voigt         |

4. The Stettin (Szczecin) branch was under the administrative control of the Polska Zegluga na Odrze (the Polish Oder shipping administration) as of 1 March 1955. The head of the office is Schulz (fnu, who was formerly employed in the Czechoslovak Free Port in Stettin).<sup>2</sup>

5. A District Dispatcher Group (Gebiets Dispatcher Gruppe) has been established by the HV Schiffahrt for the control of all inland waterways traffic around Berlin and Mecklenburg. Officials of the Group are:

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Head                        | Gerhard Manigel               |
| Sachbearbeiter              | Koch (fnu)                    |
| Sachbearbeiter              | Heinz Hermann                 |
| Towing (Schlepp) dispatcher | Heinz Gewiese (SED Aktivist)  |
| Harbor dispatcher           | Schumann (fnu) (SED Aktivist) |
| Records                     | Wasserzier (fnu) (female)     |

6. The DSU (Deutsche Schiffahrts- u. Umschlagsbetriebszentrale) (German Shipping and Transfer Enterprises Central), Berlin 017, includes the following three regional sections: the Elbe River section, the Stralsund and Oder River section, and the Berlin section.

1.  Comment: Possibly identical with Richard Toelle (SED) who was previously reported as head of the Central Department for Personnel under the former State Secretariat for Shipping. 25X1  
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2.  Comment: The name has also been reported as Szloc (fnu). 25X1

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